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9 FAM 42.61 EXHIBIT I

CHANGES

1. **9 FAM 42.61 Exhibit I, List of Homeless Nationalities and Selected Processing Posts:** When 9 FAM 42.61 Procedural Notes was revised under TL:VISA-386, dated 04-05-2002, old 9 FAM 42.61 Exhibit I, Form OF-236, *Request for Transfer of Visa File*, became obsolete. However, due to oversight, it was not removed at that time. Subsequently, 9 FAM 42.61 Exhibit II, List of Homeless Nationalities and Selected Processing Posts, was issued under TL:VISA-395, dated 04-15-2002. To rectify the oversight, old 9 FAM 42.61 Exhibit I is now removed and old 9 FAM 42.61 Exhibit II is now replaced and renumbered as 9 FAM 42.61 Exhibit I.

2. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

3. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to international broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG). Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.

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